

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 174
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Tennessee Medical Association Alliance for laudable service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those organizations whose members have, through their extraordinary efforts, distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy organization is the Tennessee Medical Association Alliance, which is celebrating its 75th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, since the organization's founding, the Tennessee Medical Association Alliance has sought to extend the aims of the medical profession to various organizations that look to the advancement in health and education by involving the families of physicians in such efforts and to promote a close fellowship among doctors' families; and

WHEREAS, the first efforts to organize the Woman's Auxiliary to the Tennessee State Medical Association, as the Alliance was originally known, were made in Memphis on November 25, 1927, and the first state meeting of the Auxiliary was held in Nashville on April 10, 1928; and

WHEREAS, during the depression years, while economic hardship caused the organization's membership to dwindle, the members' philanthropic efforts increased exponentially; likewise, during the years of World War II, the organization faced trying times, but met them with eyes to the front, and this small, but determined, group of women continued to progress; and

WHEREAS, for many years, beginning in 1943, the Auxiliary sponsored a Health Essay Contest and a Health Project Contest in order to involve schoolchildren in the group's noble efforts; and

WHEREAS, in 1952, under the leadership of Mrs. Lynch Bennett, a periodical of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Tennessee State Medical Association was initiated; Mrs. E.E. Wilkinson acted as the first editor of this newsletter, now known as *The Volunteer Voice*; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, Tennessee enjoyed the special honor of becoming the first State to win the Ethel Gastineau Trophy; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the times, the Woman's Auxiliary to the Tennessee State Medical Association changed its name to the Tennessee Medical Association Alliance in 1976; and

WHEREAS, efforts of the Tennessee Medical Association and the Tennessee Medical Association Alliance resulted in the passage of the nation's first Child Passenger Protection Act in 1977, and in 1993, their efforts resulted in the passage of a statewide bicycle helmet law; and

WHEREAS, this State's Alliance has raised up several national leaders throughout its illustrious history, including Mrs. Rogers N. Herbert, Mrs. W.W. Hubbard, Mrs. Erle E. Wilkinson, Mrs. Robert L. Akin, Mrs. Norine Rice, Mrs. Barbara Coles Hughes, Mrs. Joanne Edmonson and Mrs. Johnnie Amonette; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the Tennessee Medical Association Alliance epitomize the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the Tennessee Medical Association Alliance for dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the members of the Tennessee Medical Association Alliance for their meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.